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March 31, 2010

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554
Via Electronic Filing

Re: *Ex Parte* Presentation, WC Docket No. 07-245

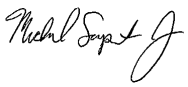
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 31, 2010, representatives of the DAS Forum, a membership section of PCIA—The Wireless Infrastructure Association and NextG Networks ("Parties") met with Angie Kronenberg, Acting Wireline Legal Advisor for Commissioner Clyburn. Natasha Ernst, Director, Government Relations, NextG, and Scott Thompson, Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, represented NextG. Brian Regan, Policy Analyst, PCIA, and the undersigned represented the DAS Forum.

The Parties discussed the integral role of wireless infrastructure—specifically Distributed Antenna Systems ("DAS")—in the effort to achieve the Commission's broadband goals. Consistent with previous filings in the above captioned docket, the parties addressed the barriers to the rapid deployment of DAS, including unreasonable rates, delays in the deployment process, and the rights of DAS providers to attach wireless antennas to utility poles.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter and a copy of the presentation delivered at the meeting will be filed via ECFS with your office. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions.

Sincerely,



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About DAS

A distributed antenna system (DAS) is a network of spatially-separated antenna nodes connected to a base station hub via fiber optic cable that provides wireless service within a geographic area.

Fast and Economical Access for Wireless Attachments to Poles Enables Broadband and Other Benefits

The FCC has recognized that wireless attachments:

- Provide additional broadband applications
- Expand wireless coverage and reliability
- Advance public safety (e.g., E-911)
- Develop facilities with reduced visual obtrusiveness
- Save costs (allowing further network development)

DAS Networks enable wireless provision of broadband services:

- Facilitate more efficient use of spectrum
- Increase capacity
- Enable deployment deeper into previously hard to reach areas

The FCC Should Adopt the Broadband Plan's Wireless Attachment Recommendations

- The FCC recognized in its *Wireless Innovation and Investment NOI* that DAS and wireless attachments are valuable deployment tools to be nurtured.
- The Broadband Plan contains numerous recommendations to encourage and expedite wireless pole attachments where they otherwise may not be feasible due to utility delays and denials.
- Implementing the Plan's recommendations will
    - Prevent utilities from issuing blanket denials of pole access to wireless attachments
    - Ensure that wireless attachers are not forced to pay "market" rates of 100-300x more than the telecom rate
    - Allow for a predictable deployment schedule and regulatory certainty that promotes investment
    - Benefit wireless consumers nationwide

The Record Developed In the 2007 NPRM is Sufficient to Adopt The Recommendations From the Broadband Plan